

**REMARKS**

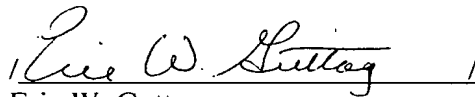
Applicants respectfully request that the above application be reconsidered, as amended. Claims 1-30 are currently pending and are in condition for allowance.

After receiving the Notice of Allowance of November 8, 2004, Applicants reviewed the above application and realized that the serial numbers and filing dates of certain pending U.S. patent applications referred to in paragraph [0022] at pages 5-6 of the above application had not been provided. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the indicated paragraph of the specification to provide those serial numbers and filing dates, and therefore request that these amendments be entered so that the above application will issue with this updated information.

Applicants have also reviewed the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance and have nothing further to add thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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